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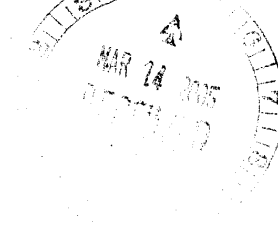
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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street
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**RE: STB Docket No. EX PARTE NO. 230, IMPROVEMENT OF
TOFC/COFC REGULATION, WTL Rail Corporation
Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption**

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STB Docket No. 42090, WTL Rail Corporation - *213548*
Petition for Declaratory Relief

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of Petitioner WTL Rail Corporation ("WTL") in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

By decision served February 15, 2005, the Board granted WTL's request (in which CSX Transportation and CSX Intermodal concurred) to hold these proceedings in abeyance until March 17, 2005, to allow settlement discussions to proceed. WTL had also advised the Board that the parties will advise it on March 15, 2005, as to the status of those discussions and as to when CSXT and CSXI replies, if any, would be due.

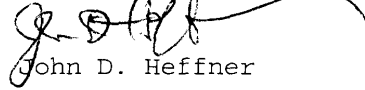
Because I will be out of the office tomorrow, I am submitting this status report one day early and request the right to supplement it at anytime until March 17, 2005.

WTL reports that CSX Transportation and CSX Intermodal ("collectively CSX"), through counsel, have asked it to provide information and documentation as to its damage claims and that WTL promptly complied with those requests. CSX's counsel had advised me that because of a corporate reorganization CSX personnel who have been working on this project have been reassigned or given additional responsibilities. I understand that CSX will seek an additional 30 day extension to the current

March 17, 2005, reply deadline. WTL will concur in that extension request.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



John D. Heffner

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